

JAMES AUGUSTUS POWELL

Lehi Centennial History 1850-1950

James Augustus Powell, the son of Augustus Napoleon Powell and Sarah Jamina Losee, was born in Lehi, December 23, 1874, the second in a family of eight children.

His boyhood days were spent in attending school at the old Thurman Building during the winter and helping his father take care of sheep in the summer.

He was compelled to quit school at the age of sixteen due to the death of his mother. A few months later his father died, and he was left with the responsibility of the family.

He later became interested in cattle and farming. The chief crop was sugar beets which were processed at the Lehi Sugar Factory.

James A. Powell and Prudence Dean were married October 3, 1899. To this couple were born seven children of whom six are still living. In 1919 they journeyed to Salt Lake Where they were married in the temple and had their children sealed to them.

Prudence Dean Powell died March 22, 1922, leaving her husband with a family of young children.

April 19, 1922, he married Olive Earl Lott in the Salt Lake Temple.

In 1925 he was employed by Lehi City to keep the sidewalks free of snow during the winter months, which work he continued doing for many years.

At the age of seventy-five he is still enjoying good health and is very active. Since his younger days he has been known to have the earliest vegetable garden in Lehi, and he still live up to this expectation.

He has twenty-eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.